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## Stonewall Herd Management Area Nye County, Nevada



## Location/Habitat

The Stonewall Herd Management Area (HMA) is located west of Lida Junction (U.S. Highway 95) between Las Vegas and Tonopah, Nevada, in Nye County. The area consists of 24,817 acres and spans 7 miles wide and 9 miles long. Elevations range from a high of 8,187 feet in elevation in the Stonewall Mountains to a low of 4,580 feet in the south near the Nellis Test Site boundary. The climate is dry, receiving only 3 inches of annual precipitation in the valley bottoms to 12 inches on the mountain tops.

## Vegetation

At the higher elevations, vegetation communities consist of pinyon-juniper woodlands, mountain- mahogany, and low sage. The lower elevations are made up of fourwing saltbush, Greene rabbitbrush, greasewood, sagebrush, and spiny menodora. A few Joshua trees are scattered throughout this area.

## Herd Description

Even though annual census revealed no wild horses or burros, subsequent vehicle surveys have seen the six burros which reside in the adjoining Goldfield HMA wandering through the Stonewall HMA.

This HMA provides suitable habitat for wild burros, but not for wild horses.

